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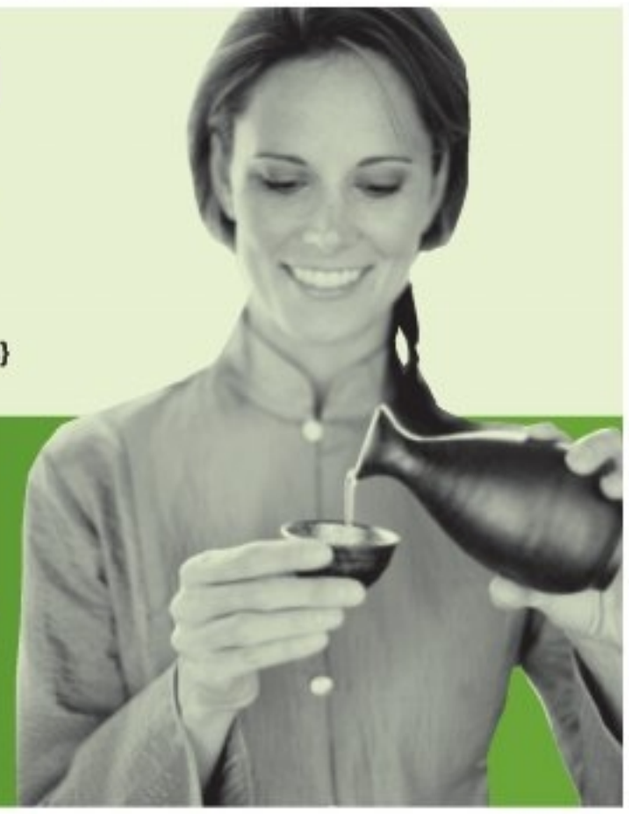

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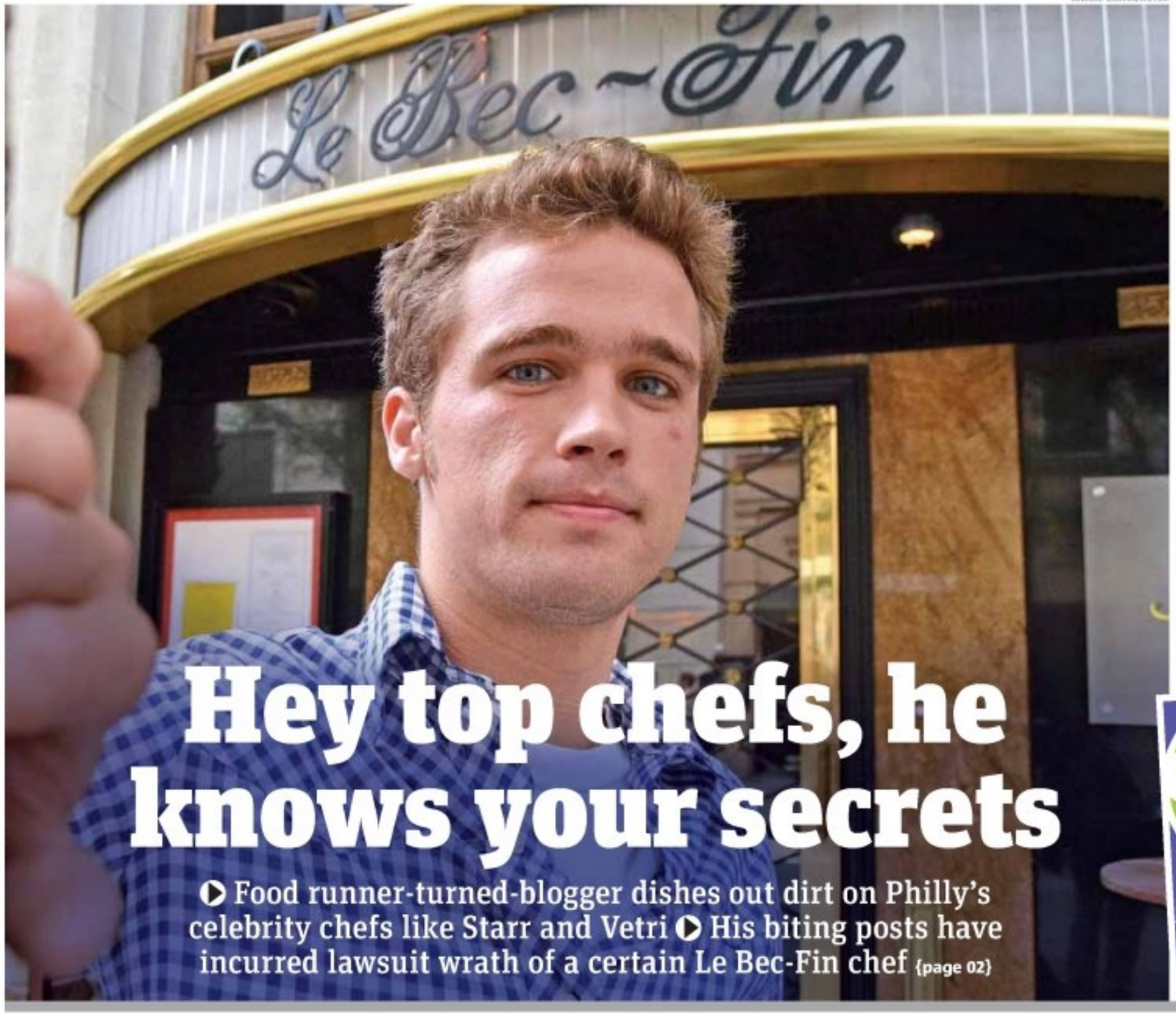

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Hey top chefs, he knows your secrets

Food runner-turned-blogger dishes out dirt on Philly's celebrity chefs like Starr and Vetri ◐ His biting posts have incurred lawsuit wrath of a certain Le Bec-Fin chef {page 02}

Sports

More Phils wins than ever before

◐ Phillies end season with record-breaking win ◐ Host St. Louis at Citizens Bank Park for Game 1 Saturday {page 19}

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Excerpts

Some excerpts from Staph Meal posts:

- **Stephen Starr Rapes his Employees .. Figuratively, of Course:** "This is the first of a series of posts that will be dedicated to restaurants who STEAL servers' tips to cover the cost of credit card fees. First up on the chopping block is none other than Philly's own Oompa-Loompa."
- **Georges Perrier Sure is a Good Chef .. For a Racist:** "What if he is known for outlandishly rude acts such as flicking cigarettes at servers and choking line cooks? ... We are saying though that in this modern age it's not okay for a chef to bring his deep rooted racist beliefs to his kitchen, especially when he is already picking up heat for mistreatment of employees."
- **M m m m m m m m m Marc Vetri Can't Spell:** "A few days ago douchebag wannabe-celeb Chef Marc Vetri called us out on Twitter, making a false assertion that he knows our identities, and calling us a bunch of 'caddy girls' ... This post is simply to publicly inform Marc Vetri that the correct spelling of 'caddy' is actually 'catty.'"

Spilling gossip from the kitchen

Legendary underbelly of life spent working in Philly's top restaurants exposed on new blog ◐ One target, a Frenchman notorious for his guff, is trying to shut it down

Former food runner Joshua Albert, 25, has made waves in the restaurant world and beyond with his previously anonymous blog. Staph Meal reveals the sometimes abusive behavior of industry titans across the city.

But Albert got a taste of his own medicine when chef Georges Perrier's legal team threatened to reveal his identity Monday night as part of a lawsuit filed against Albert by the Le Bec-Fin owner.

"When they did discover me, I controlled it a little by outing myself," Albert said yesterday after posting his full name and picture on Staph Meal.

Though the insider gossip site, which is based on a combination of firsthand information and e-mailed tips, has been operational for a little less than a month, it has received over 83,000 hits.

"I wanted to be a voice for people mistreated in the restaurant industry. I think it's tolerated more than it should be. I also wanted to give some local chefs and business owners a little reality check that's it's not OK and I wanted to be funny with it." ALBERT

Albert has received hundreds of comments and e-mails slamming the site. He has also become a local celebrity to many who can't speak out against their employers — directly.

"The last few days, especially, the tips have been rolling in," he said.

A 10-year veteran of the food service industry, Albert has seen a "disturbing" amount of worker exploitation and is letting restaurateurs know that it did not go unnoticed. Now that Albert has been exposed – and lost his day job at Bistrot La Minette as a result — he hopes to possibly monetize the website and branch out to other cities.

"I'm definitely going to try to keep going," he said. "Maybe it will be a little easier now that I am outed. I can be a lot more active – though it may be hard to get a reservation."

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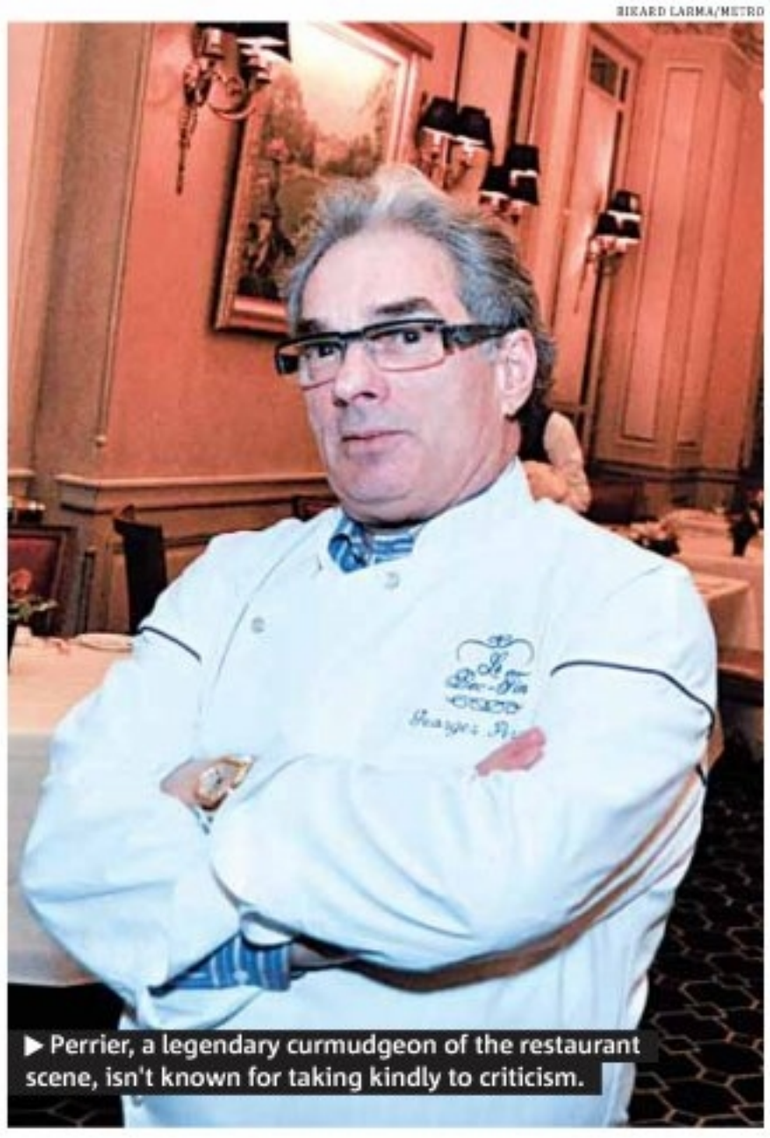

▶ Perrier, a legendary curmudgeon of the restaurant scene, isn't known for taking kindly to criticism.

In the news

City Hall to fund skatepark

A decade-delayed skatepark near the Philadelphia Art Museum will finally break ground — so they say — next spring after the city Department of Parks and Recreation assured organizers for Paine's Park that it will supply $1 million, according to a report in the Philadelphia Business Journal.

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Five people stable after injuries in 2 shootings

PHILADELPHIA. Five people were wounded in two separate shootings yesterday afternoon.

Two men were shot at 59th and Vine streets in Haddington at 4:10 p.m. One of the victims was hospitalized in critical condition.

Two men and one woman were shot at Anne and Weikel streets in Kensington shortly before 3:30 p.m. All are currently stable. METRO

Philly drivers lose 42 hours

PHILADELPHIA. For the second time in three years, the metropolitan area ranked 14th-worst in the United States in traffic congestion per commuter in 2010, according to a study released yesterday.

26K Hours saved through public transit use in the Philadelphia metropolitan area in 2010

The 2011 Urban Mobility Report by the Texas Transportation Institute looks at congestion nationwide and possible solutions. Commuters in the 11-county area of southeastern Pennsylvania, and parts of New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware sat in an average 42 hours of congestion.

The Beltway area of Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia ranked worst with 74 hours per commuter. METRO

New schools chief can and will kick some butt

Acting superintendent has trained extensively in martial arts He will show students his skills and ask them not to take matters into own hands

One month into his new position, Acting Superintendent Leroy Nunery may have found the best way to make an impression on students in the Philadelphia School District: kicking some butt.

Nunery, a certified black belt, is expected to take part in a martial arts demonstration for students and community members Saturday at University City High School. The "Save Our Children Martial Arts Exhibition" is aimed at enlightening and empowering students, while showing them how to positively channel their energy, according to a write-up for the event.

"The general underlying message in the martial arts extravaganza Saturday is to address the bullying and flash mobs and things that have been in the news the past year or so," said Deidre Darragh, a spokesperson with the district. "More than anything, it's just a good reason to get the whole community together and just recognize [these issues] and have a dialogue about it."

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Nunery was mentioned in a report released last week documenting the charter selection process for Martin Luther King Jr. High School. He described a private meeting between state Rep. Dwight Evans, former SRC chairman Robert Archie and an official from the winning operator as "like something out of the movie 'The Godfather.'"

Darragh said the event, being organized by the district's office of school safety and the city police department, will not encourage students to take matters into their own hands.

"It's not as much to train the students in self-defense as it is to show them that there are other avenues to channel their energies into," she said.

Nunery was named acting superintendent after Arlene Ackerman's controversial exit, three years after he finished second to her in the job hunt.

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By the numbers

The Quinnipiac University Polling Institute yesterday released a new poll involving Pennsylvania's 2012 election.

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Percent of Pennsylvania voters wish to keep the winter-take-all Electoral College system the state has in place, while 40 percent prefer a system awarding winners in each congressional district.

18

Percent of Republican voters polled who support Mitt Romney, putting him in the lead for the state's GOP primary race. The election is early next year.

▶ Perry

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Percent of Republican voters polled who support Rick Perry, a close second to Romney.

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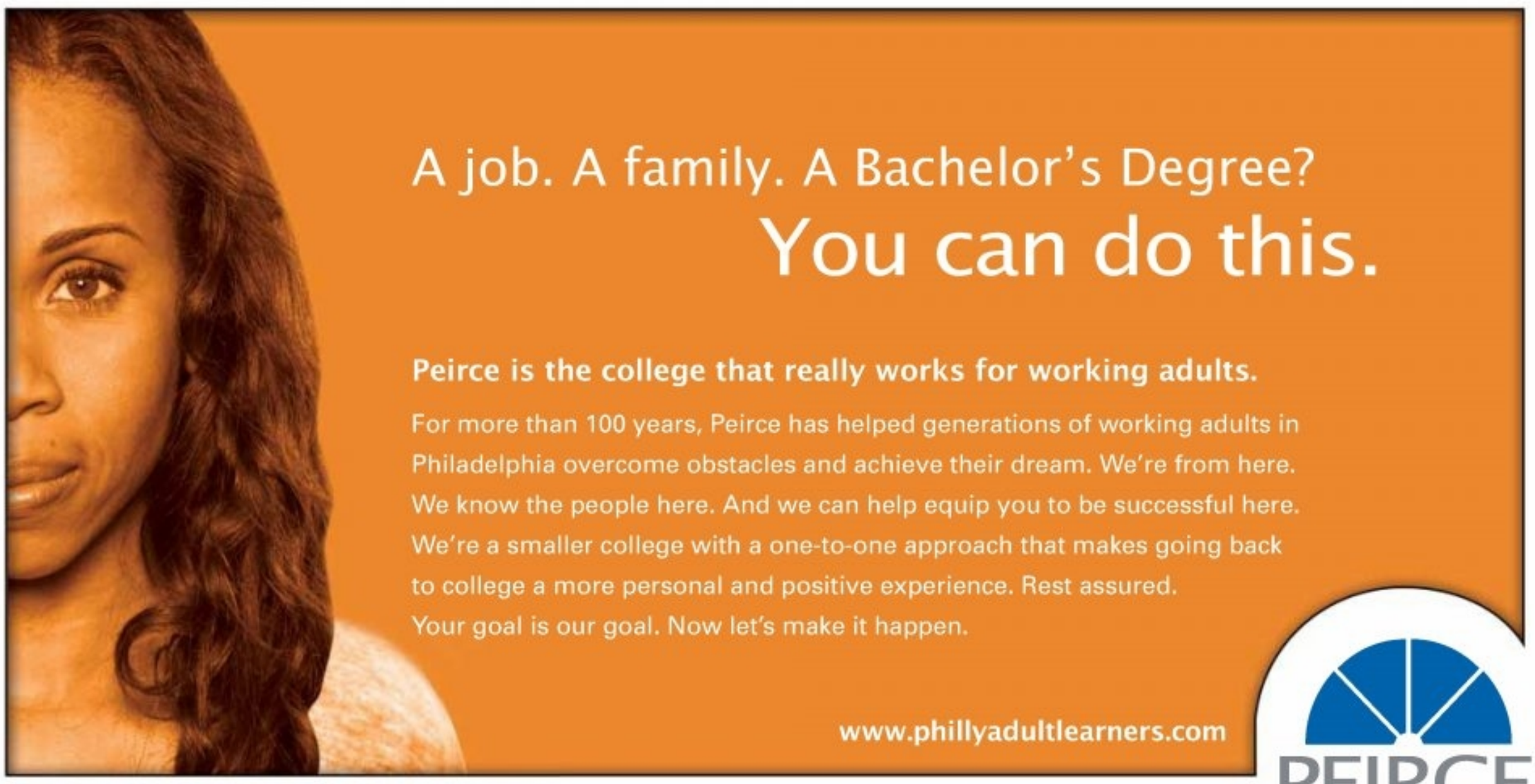
Percent of voters who support President Barack Obama for a second term while 43 percent support Romney, putting the two at a virtual tie for Pennsylvania's Electoral College votes.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Another child hurt in S. Philly gunfire

For second time in three nights, four wounded as bullets fly ◐ 2-year-old remains in critical condition

Police are still searching for suspects in the South Philadelphia brawl that left four people, including a 2-year-old girl, wounded Tuesday evening.

The shooting happened on the 1200 block of South Bucknell Street, which stemmed from an argument earlier this summer between girls at South Philly High, police said.

The argument culminated when a group of girls and a parent went to the house of one girl involved in the earlier fight, knocked on the door and forced their way in. After the girl's grandparents reportedly pushed the intruders outside, the fight escalated. Capt. Laurence Nodiff described it as "one large brawl outside."

Sticks and golf clubs were used as weapons, Nodiff said, then shots were fired into the crowd and four people were wounded. Authorities have no specifics on what the argument was about or the intent of the parent who was present.

"We believe two different males discharged firearms," said Nodiff. The shooters are described as two black males between ages 20 to 30.

"There are some cameras in the area and we are looking to obtain footage," Nodiff said.

All victims have been released, except for the 2-year-old girl who is in critical but stable condition.

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People wounded in two separate shootings since Sunday night 11 blocks apart in Point Breeze, including a 2-year-old and 6-year-old.

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Labor. Union protest

▶ Many of Center City's property service workers — janitorial and security, in many buildings — shut down Dilworth Plaza yesterday afternoon. Their main demand is to maintain their health care plans.

Union rallies, OKs strike

Union members from 22 states marched in Center City yesterday to show solidarity, as workers with Local 32BJ voted to strike when their contracts expire Oct. 15. "What happens in Philadelphia sets the standard everywhere else. If we allow major givebacks and cuts here, it will have a trickle-down effect," said regional director Wayne MacManiman.

$21,000 reward in Novak cold case

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. A $21,000 reward has been offered for information that will lead to an arrest of suspects — believed to be three black males — who murdered Matt Novak three years ago.

On the third anniversary of Novak's unsolved murder yesterday, his father stepped forward so that "no one forgets about Matthew."

After his car broke down, Novak flagged down an electric blue Chevy Impala to pick up jumper cables. The driver and two passengers took Novak to 13th and Fairmount streets where he was shot and later died.

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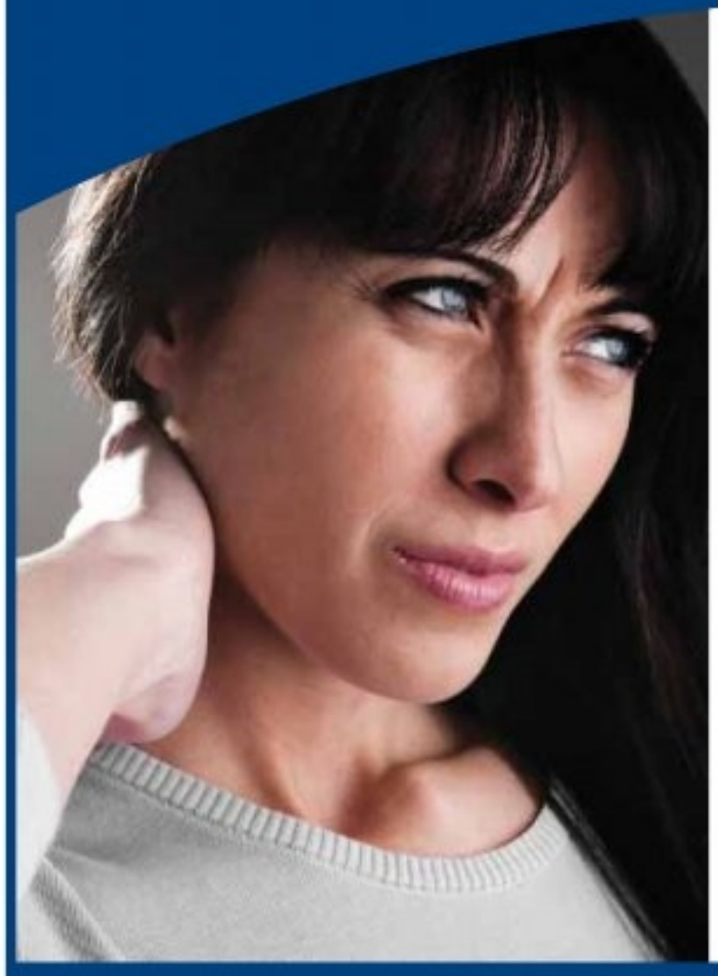

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Comeback kid Michele Bachmann?

Presidential hopeful speaks at Liberty University Vows her campaign is on the upswing

Republican presidential hopeful Michele Bachmann, struggling to reverse a slide in opinion polls, told evangelical Christians yesterday that she would be "the comeback kid" in the nomination race.

During a stop at Liberty University, Bachmann shrugged off her recent campaign troubles and vowed to turn around her White House bid with a heavy focus on conservative Iowa and South Carolina.

"We intend to be the comeback kid in this race," Bachmann told reporters after a speech at Liberty, which bills itself as the largest evangelical Christian university and is a frequent stop for presidential candidates.

"In races you have ups and downs, and we are on the upswing now," she said. "We have a very strong base of support in Iowa, we're going to continue to build on that base of support, and we've spent a lot of time in South Carolina, too." REUTERS

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"I represent that full package."

BACHMANN IN SAYING THAT REPUBLICANS ARE LOOKING FOR A STRONG FISCAL, SOCIAL AND TEA PARTY CONSERVATIVE

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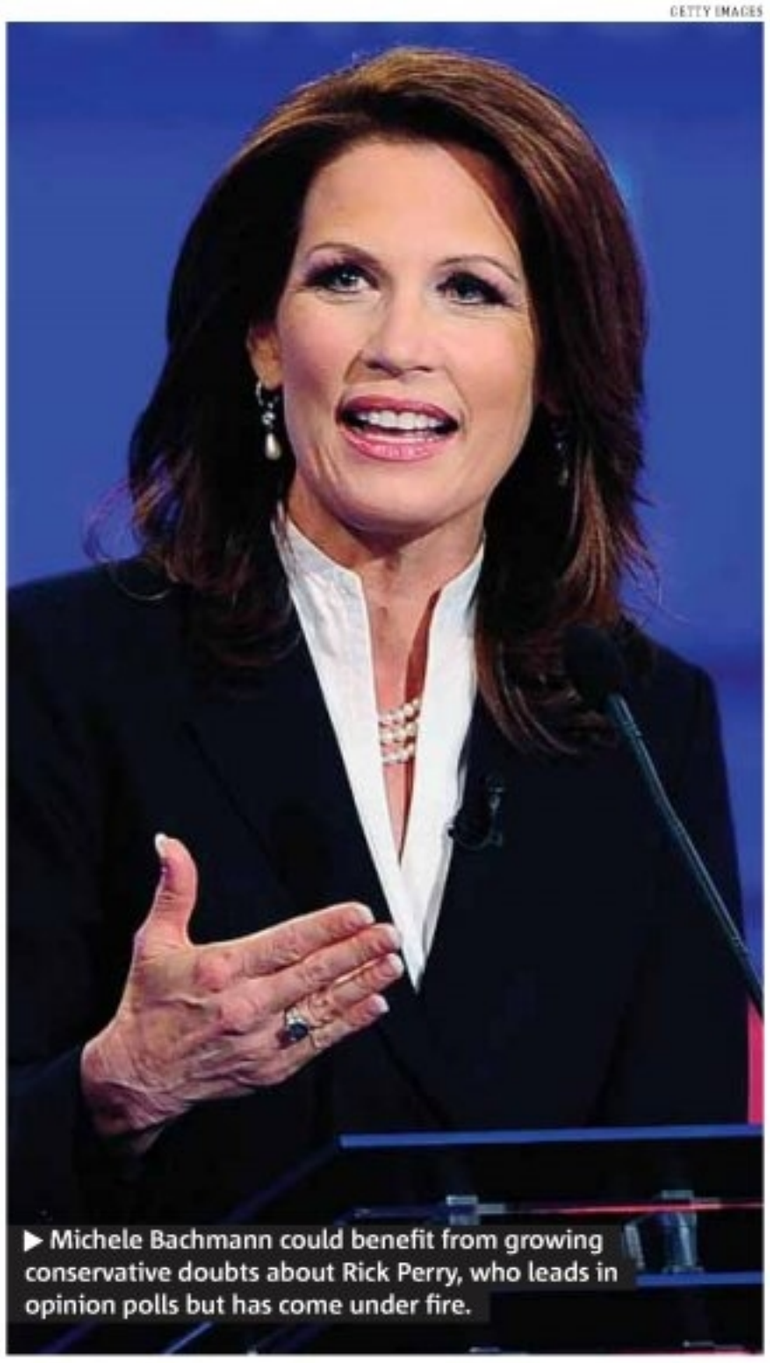

▶ Michele Bachmann could benefit from growing conservative doubts about Rick Perry, who leads in opinion polls but has come under fire.

Jurors hear different views of MJ's health

Michael Jackson's doctor made repeated assurances about the "excellent condition" of the pop star in the weeks before his sudden death, jurors in the manslaughter trial of the physician were told yesterday.

Dr. Conrad Murray, on trial for causing the June 2009 death of the pop singer, also told an attorney working on Jackson's career comeback that the singer's medical records for the past five years "would be very tiny," one lawyer testified.

"Dr. Murray told me repeatedly that Michael Jackson was perfectly healthy, in excellent condition," Los Angeles lawyer Kathy Jorrie said on the witness stand in the second day of Murray's trial on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Murray's assurances to Jorrie, up until the eve of Jackson's death, clashed with testimony on Tuesday from Kenny Ortega, the director of the planned "This Is It" concerts.

Ortega testified that less than a week before Jackson's death, the singer turned up at a rehearsal chilled, incoherent and psychologically troubled.

Jorrie was working in June on the contract between Murray, Jackson and concert promoter AEG Live — the backer of 50 London concerts planned for 2009 that had been seen as the singer's comeback after years of career neglect. REUTERS

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▶ Jorrie testifes.

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Green light for pair of solar loans

WASHINGTON. The U.S. Energy Department finalized loan guarantees for two major solar projects yesterday — $737 million in financing for a solar thermal plant and $337 million in financing for a photovoltaic solar project. The loan program has faced intense scrutiny after the high-profile collapse of Solyndra, the first company to receive funding under the program. REUTERS

News in numbers

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A listeria outbreak linked to cantaloupes from Colorado has infected 72 people in the United States and killed 13, U.S. health officials said.
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Tablet computers. Kindle

▶ Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos holds up the new Kindle Fire.

Amazon lights a Fire

Amazon.com introduced its eagerly awaited tablet computer yesterday with a price tag that could make it the first strong competitor in a tablet market that has been dominated by Apple's iPad. The new device, priced at $199, may have the biggest impact on other makers of tablets and e-readers, such as Samsung and Barnes & Noble, maker of the Nook. REUTERS

Ala. judge rules on immigration law

A federal judge yesterday blocked parts of Alabama's crackdown on illegal immigration, but let stand a controversial provision requiring public schools to determine the legal residency of children.

The Alabama law is widely seen as the toughest state measure on illegal immigration.

Chief U.S. District Judge Sharon Lovelace Blackburn ruled the state could require police to detain people suspected of being in the United States illegally if they cannot produce proper documentation when stopped for any reason.

She also refused to block the provision requiring public schools to determine, by reviewing birth certificates or sworn affidavits, the legal residency status of students upon enrollment.

But the ruling temporarily prevents the state from making it a crime to knowingly transport or harbor an illegal immigrant.

President Obama's administration and other groups sought to block the law, saying it violated the U.S. Constitution and would turn into criminals Alabama residents who interact with those in the country without documents.

Supporters of the law argue the federal government's failure to crack down on illegal immigration forced the state to take action. REUTERS

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▶ Similar measures were blocked in Arizona.

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi is getting recognized — sort of, Gary Busey is enjoying the weather, Taylor Swift is having pet issues and Rainn Wilson wants to take to the streets.

▶ **@Sn00ki:** LOL so some girl comes up to me n goes "you look like one of those girls from the jersey shows, but you look better." Uhm thanks? Lmao

▶ **@THEGaryBusey:** Jay Way B Cap standing in a Flutterby meadow high above the ocean soaking up the sun is honey in the air.

▶ **@taylorswift13:** Things are always a little different when you come home from the road. Ex: my parents dog now sits like a rabbit.

▶ **@rainnwilson:** I want to occupy Wall Street. But only to protest how bad Wall St 2 was.

Taylor Swift

Kate Gosselin still can't find work

Out of all of the Americans who can't find work, there's only one I'm actually happy to hear about: **Kate Gosselin**.

According to a new article in the Huffington Post, the reality TV star and super-breeder can't find TV work and is discouraged by the lack of offers coming her way since "Kate Plus 8" went off the air.

"She has approached many different networks, including pitching a travel show idea to her old network, TLC, but so far no one has said yes," a source told the site. "She assumed that given her fame, producers and networks would be knocking her over with job offers and is, to say the least, very surprised that she hasn't received a single one."

Earlier this month, Kate told Matt Lauer from "The Today Show" that "at this point, the best opportunity for [my family] would be me continuing on TV as a way to provide for my kids. Something that's exciting and challenging for me has been TV, and I wouldn't be opposed to it."

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▶ Gosselin poses here from a time when we used to care.

If she gets really desperate (after all — no one is going to give her free plastic surgery now that she's not on TV) why not put the kids back to work, like she's always done? Here are four suggestions for her brood:

1 Form a band like the Jackson 5. What could possibly go wrong?

2 Follow in the family business and have too many kids of their own.

3 Team up with Howie Mandel and have a "Guess Which Gosselin" night (oh come on, like you know any of their names).

4 A traveling cage-match fight night with the Octomom's kids.

Leal, Kutcher and Moore: What's going on?

Seems that **Aston Kutcher** hasn't just taken over **Charlie Sheen's** old role on "Two and a Half Men." It looks as though Kutcher, 33, has picked up a page from Sheen's real life bad-behavior playbook as allegations are flying that the star cheated on wife **Demi Moore** — on the weekend of their sixth wedding anniversary.

Sara Leal, 23, has come forward with the bombshell claim that she had sex with Kutcher after they met at a San Diego club last Friday. Kutcher was there celebrating with **Danny Masterson** for his birthday — the same weekend of his anniversary with Moore, according to Radar Online. Leal has gone into hiding, but not before lawyering up with a Hollywood attorney. TheDirty.com says that Ashton told Leal that he and Moore were "separated, but the public just didn't know yet."

Much as been made of the fact that not only was Kutcher partying on their anniversary, but he and Moore were even on different coasts — Moore was in New York City working on the upcoming film "Magic Mike."

There's no official word from the couple's publicists, but Moore sent this Tweet by the Greek philosopher Epictetus last week."When we are offended at any man's fault, turn to yourself & study your own failings. Then you will forget your anger."

A super-skinny Moore walked the red carpet (sans Ashton) on Monday in New York City for her new Lifetime movie, "Five."

Talking points

Paltrow's birthday fun

Gwyneth Paltrow celebrated her 39th birthday in style, going out for dinner at a new Spanish restaurant in New York's West Village with her husband of eight years, **Chris Martin**, as well as pals **Jay-Z** and **Beyonce**, according to Getty. The foursome reportedly enjoyed their meal but didn't stay out too late. "Thank you for all of my happy birthday wishes, just read so many," Paltrow posted to Twitter the next day. "You guys make my life great."

'Take Your Boy to Work Day' for Aniston

Jennifer Aniston is apparently so happy with boyfriend **Justin Theroux** that she's been bringing him to work — at least she did on the set of her directorial debut, a section of "Five," a series of shorts about breast cancer, where co-director Penelope Spheeris says the pair were "lovey-dovey," according to Hollyscoop. "She introduced [Justin] to me and I'm like, 'Who?'" Spheeris said at the project's premiere. "Someone was like, 'That was her boyfriend!'"

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Beckham children as test bunnies

When it came to testing his new fragrance line, **David Beckham** didn't stray too far from home, soliciting the opinions of sons **Brooklyn**, 12, **Romeo**, 8, and **Cruz**, 6. "Anytime I get a fragrance, I give all of my sons a tester," Beckham tells Us Weekly. "Kids are so honest, so they say they love it or they hate it. As soon as they smelled this one, they were like, 'We love it!'" The scent has to be something that appeals to Dad as well. "It has always got to be something I like, based on something I know another man would like or that women like to smell," Beckham says. "I always try to go for a scent that is kind of my personality and the things I do day in and day out."

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NIGHT AND DAY

IN ASSOCIATION WITH BFA BILLY FARRELL AGENCY

1. Diane von Furstenberg attended the "Be the Woman You Want to Be" Rally & DIANE Fragrance Launch at Bloomingdale's NYC last week.

2. Christy Turlington Burns celebrated the launch of Hatch by twobirds with Gilt Children and Gilt City on Monday at the W in New York.

3. Mark Consuelos and Kelly Ripa attended the 27th Annual American Cancer Society Dreamball at Cipriani 42nd Street in New York last week.

4. Anna Wintour and Bruce Weber attended a party for "Don't Steal The Jacket," a film by Weber, in Milan, Italy, on Sunday.

5. Mark Foster, Mark Pontius and Cubbie Frank of Foster The People attended their own after-party at the W Times Square on Tuesday in New York.

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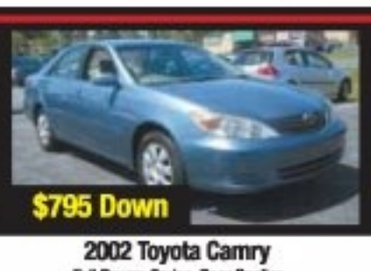
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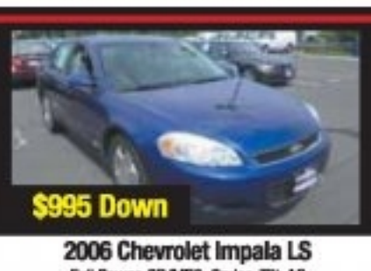
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TV watch list

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▶ "How to Be a Gentleman"

'How to Be a Gentleman'

COMEDY. A gym rat (Kevin Dillon) and uptight etiquette columnist (David Hornsby) realize they could actually learn a thing or two from each other. Apparently, landing a decent joke isn't one of them in this uninspired riff on "The Odd Couple." **Series premiere, 8:30 p.m., CBS**

'The X Factor'

REALITY. The judges begin making their final selections for boot camp. What is the vocal equivalent of 100 push-ups? A five-octave Mariah Carey tune? **8 p.m., Fox**

AMBER RAY

The producer as devil

Comic actor Albert Brooks is not laughing in his latest, 'Drive' He plays a mobster opposite Ryan Gosling

He was pitiful in "Lost In America." He was cuddly in "Defending Your Life." But in "Drive," Albert Brooks' latest, he's fierce. Brooks plays Bernie Rose, a not-too-successful B-movie producer and a much more successful mobster considering going into business with Driver (Ryan Gosling) and his mechanic mentor (Bryan Cranston). The role has heads turning, including Oscar's.

"I don't know producers like Bernie," he says. "I know very rich producers who screw you without even getting out of bed because they have lawyers and they do nasty things, and I'm not going to name names."

"Drive" offers Brooks the opportunity to play against type to chilling effect. It's something that, as an actor, he's been fighting for. "I always wanted to play a different part than the normal parts, and I always felt I could do an interesting villain," he explains. "I know that I have the ability, but you have to convince a movie studio to take out the Skarsgard and put you in. It's hard to do that."

But apparently "Drive" director Nicolas Winding Refn didn't need very much convincing. "He's saying that I was the person he always wanted. I don't believe him," Brooks says. "He told me that when he was a youngster he saw 'Lost In America' in the theater and he was scared when I yelled at my wife. So I thought that was funny."

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▶ Don't mess with Brooks.

Quoted

"I always felt I could do an interesting villain."
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Don't buy bad spaghetti

Albert Brooks is not a fan of DVD extras — and that's putting it mildly. "These DVDs become like garbage dumps," the veteran writer, director and actor says. "Other products don't do this. When I buy spaghetti, I get the pound of spaghetti. I don't get the extra half a pound where it curled up and didn't look good, you know? If it was good enough to show you, I would've put it in the movie."

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10 Reasons to catch a movie this weekend

2 'What's Your Number?'
Anna Faris' city girl is horrified to learn from a magazine article that the more people she's slept with, the less likely it is she'll find love, so she goes on a mission to reconnect with every ex she's ever had in order to settle down.

3 'Dream House'
Real-life newlyweds Rachel Weisz and Daniel Craig star in this haunted house thriller.

4 'Killer Elite'
We challenge you, readers, to not find other movies in which Jason Statham, Robert De Niro and Clive Owen have already played pretty much the same characters they do in this cat-and-mouse assassin thriller.

5 'Abduction'
The boy who played wolf, Taylor Lautner, gets his first starring role as a young man who learns he was kidnapped as a child by the people he had grown up believing were his parents.

6 'Moneyball'
Brad Pitt plus baseball equals a win-win for any couple doing battle over what to see in the theaters this weekend. Pitt plays Oakland A's general manager, Billy Beane, the innovator of a new drafting technique. Whatever. All we heard was "Pitt."

7 'Dolphin Tale'
A dolphin gets a prosthetic tail. Harry Connick Jr., Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman co-star alongside said dolphin.

8 'Machine Gun Preacher'
Gerard Butler plays a born-again American on a religious mission in Sudan, but the more he gets involved in the conflict in the region, the more he uses his old tough guy persona to persevere.

9 'Drive'
We hope this stunning modern noir film by Nicolas Winding Refn about a stunt driver sucked into the L.A. crime underworld will finally allow Ryan Gosling to be referred to as someone other than "'The Notebook' guy."

10 'Straw Dogs'
Expect more flash and bloodshed in this remake of the 1971 Sam Peckinpah classic film about a small back country village that doesn't take kindly to a native daughter returning to settle in with her sophisticated, if a bit wussy, husband.

Must-see

CHRIS HELCERMANAS-BERGE

'50/50'

We're not exactly positive that audiences will be breaking down the doors trying to get in to see a comedy about a 27-year-old man coping with spinal cancer, but if Seth Rogen's showing up to the party as his best friend, maybe everyone else will join in. METRO

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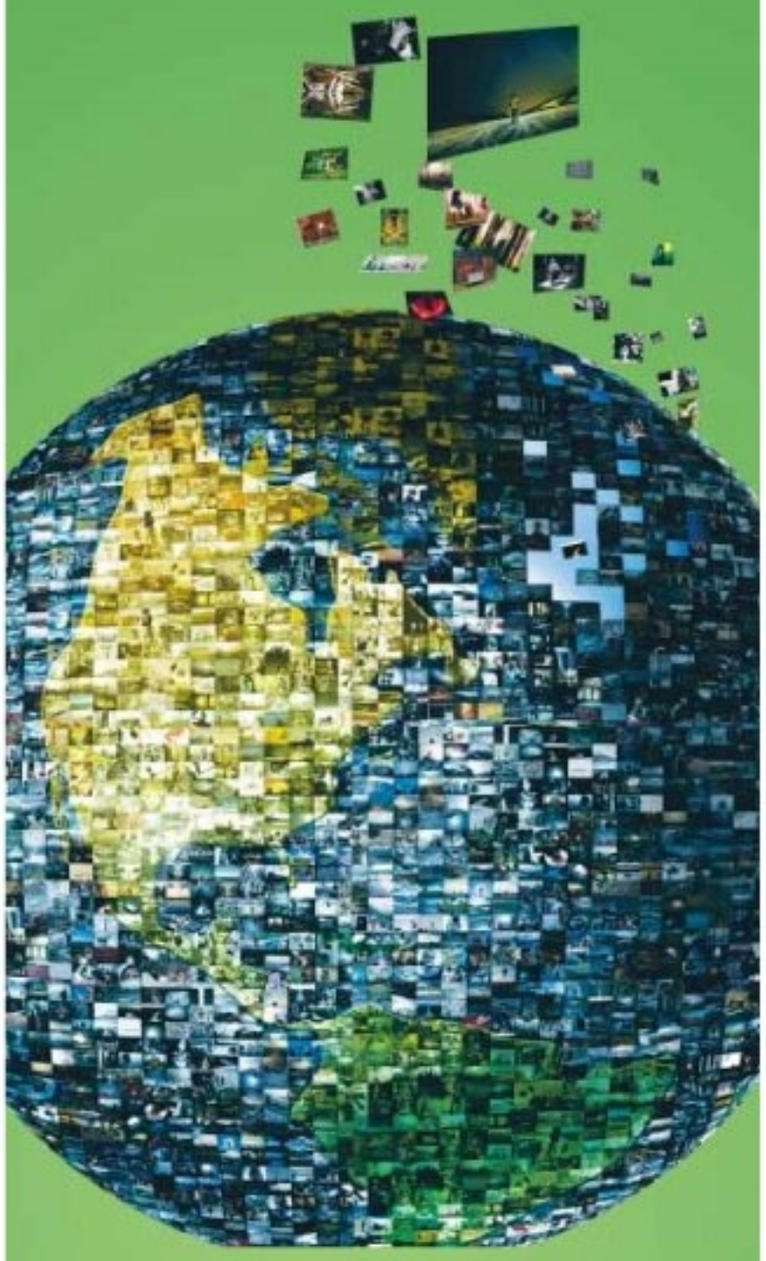

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Explosions in the Sky 'Take Care' when they title their songs But what do they call these compositions before you see them on their CD sleeves?

Explosions in the Sky have always employed evocative titles for their emotionally powerful instrumental rock tunes. But just because a song is referred to as something poetic like "Remember Me As A Time Of Day" or "First Breath After A Coma" on the back of their CD jacket or on the computerized words that pop up on your computer screen doesn't mean the song started out with such a noble name.

"Even after they've been given their proper titles," says drummer Chris Hrasky, "when we're at a show and we're like, 'OK, what songs are we gonna play tonight?' we'll refer to them by our working titles. For instance, the first song on the new record, called 'Last Known Surroundings,' we never call it that. We call it 'Monkey Doom.'"

"Monkey Doom"?

He laughs slightly upon hearing the title repeated back to him, perhaps realizing how such a silly title stands in stark contrast to the intense instrumental odyssey that is the Explosions' signature.

"The sample that's in the beginning or the drone thing has this weird little jumpy sound and for some reason it conjured images of monkeys for us, when we were first working on it," he explains. "It's just stuff like that where we'll usually call it what we were calling it while we were writing it as opposed to what it actually ends up being titled."

NICK SIMONITE
▶ Explosions in the Sky are touring in support of their latest, "Take Care, Take Care, Take Care."

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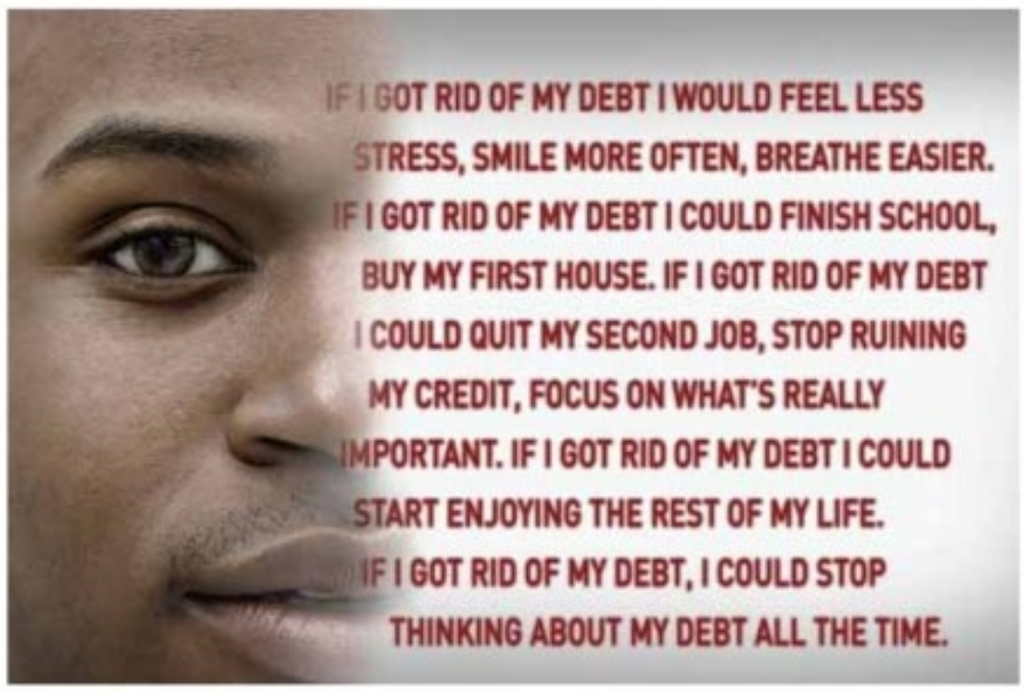
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Proving herself

Detective Jane Timoney has plenty of critics, particularly the men in her squad And then there's the hat controversy But star Maria Bello has nothing but love for her new NBC drama, 'Prime Suspect'

▶ Maria Bello stars as Det. Jane Timoney on "Prime Suspect," airing Thursdays at 10 p.m. on NBC.

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On taking the role

Did you have any apprehensions stepping into this role?

Before I took the job, I said no to it. I was scared of being put in some sort of a box and not being able to be collaborative or creative, which often happens in TV. I didn't want to not see my son; my friends who work on these kinds of shows sometimes work 14-15 hours a day. I met the producers and they said to me, "It won't be like that. We trust you to create this character how you see this character. And you'll never work more than 12 hours a day and you will have a life." And they've lived up to their promises, and it's just the most extraordinary job I've had.

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Make no mistake — NBC's "Prime Suspect" is not a remake of the classic British crime thriller starring Helen Mirren. Aside from the title, what it borrows from its overseas counterpart is a strong yet flawed central character determined to prove she's a damn good homicide detective, no matter what the men in her squad think of her. On the eve of the big premiere, we caught up with star Maria Bello, who plays Detective Jane Timoney with an absorbing wit and attitude — thanks in part to her very own addition to the costume.

Does the title, "Prime Suspect," help create buzz or draw criticism from fans of the British series?

You know, we've been so lucky in a way. People have recognized immediately that it's a way different show. So then the comparisons stop.

Can you talk about making Jane Timoney your own? Details like her scarves and the hat and smoking — how much input did you have in those little things that are so much a part of her?

I have to say the clothes. The brilliant Amy Stofsky, the costume designer, she and I had the exact same idea for the clothing, which is an updated Katharine Hepburn. You know, that kind of male-female look. At first [the producers] were like, "Well, uh, I don't know." But I really fought for it and said, "Listen — she has her own style. I know great policewomen — as well as men — who have great style." It's not like every policewoman has to run around in a gray pantsuit and high heels and red lipstick.

How much does putting on that hat help in "becoming" Jane?

The hat — my dearest friend Claire gave it to me a year ago. She took it off her head and put it on my head and said, "This belongs to you." And as soon as I was reading the character of Jane I knew she was supposed to have that hat. And when I put it on, it's like the publicity says, "Cop an attitude." I feel like I have the biggest attitude in the world. It makes Jane, Jane.

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Parisian stylist Catherine Baba is a style blogger's dream thanks to her creative way of dressing We catch up with her just in time for Paris Fashion Week

What are five items in your closet that you never get tired of wearing?
Kimonos, catsuits, turbans, accessories and more accessories.
What is the one thing in your closet you would save from a fire?
Myself! And my YSL couture.
Trends. Yay or nay?
I don't follow rules and I never follow trends.
When it comes to fashion, what bores and excites you most?
Sterility and predictability bore me. Creativity and individuality excite me.
You're a master at layering. What's the key to doing this well?
Culture.
What decade do you identify with most and why?
The period between the wars. I loved the details [of the clothing].
How would you define your style?
It's a mix of the '20s, '30s and '40s with a bit of Disco Blitz mythology.
If you could trade wardrobes with any woman, past or present, who would you choose and why?
Marie Antoinette for her wardrobe's abundance and the endless possibilities to play and re-create with her clothes.
Street style bloggers love to photograph you riding your bike in mega-high heels. What's the trick to doing this without falling down or looking ridiculous?
It's all in the legs, darling.

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Double swan song for Nintendo DS

Nintendo DS brings it back — in theory — with a new installment of Dragon Quest and multiplying pink mascot Kirby in 'Mass Attack'

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The Nintendo DS is dead — or is it? Nintendo's first dual-screened wonder may lack the third dimension, but is still pumping out great games. Read these reviews and learn what to buy your friends' kids so you won't feel awkward being the only single adult at their birthday parties. Sigh.

'Dragon Quest Monsters: Joker 2'
Company: Nintendo/ Square Enix **Grade:** ●●●●○
As any raw-nerved Pokemon addict will tell you, the worst thing about the series is waiting a few years between each installment. Thankfully, the franchise has a top-tier competitor in the form of the Dragon Quest Monsters series, which Nintendo also publishes. Yes, the company is both Coke and Pepsi in this scenario. Somebody break out a copy of the Sherman Antitrust Act.

These games cull their creatures from the Dragon Quest RPGs; so instead of Pikachus and Charmanders, you'll be collecting Slimes and Platypunks. The game play will be eerily familiar to Pokefans: battle monsters and capture monsters. This series features a fully realized 3-D world though, which Pokemon has never quite gotten around to.

Review

'Kirby Mass Attack'
Company: Nintendo
Grade: ●●●●○
Nintendo never knows just what to do with their pink puffball Kirby. He's been a gluttonous blob, a painter's muse and even a lowly piece of fabric. Kirby Mass Attack finds our hero engaging in yet another play style when he is split into ten identical copies of himself. The game is a highly addictive sidescrolling platform adventure that is heavy on lunacy. A handful of Kirby-centric mini-games round out the package.

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Anger from the Tea Party

RE: "FALSE ORIGINS OF A FALSE PARTY": Fact: The Midnight Ride was to warn of the impending gun and powder grab the British were going to do as a precursor to more taxes. The Tea Party takes a heritage of standing against tyrannical incursions as our name. I am proud to be standing against this little communist uprising. Besides, it's better to be a tea bag than a d—bag.
BUTCH CASS, VIA E-MAIL

I have been reading many letters in your paper deriding members of the Tea Party as "teabaggers." This sexually explicit and perhaps even homophobic slur is quite ubiquitous among our fellow Americans on the left side of the political divide. Seeing how such a term expressing hate and dismissal is now a legitimate part of our political lexicon, is it now safe for me to refer to opponents of the Tea Party as "peter puffers"?
ELIOT PARNESS, VIA E-MAIL

We only war for interests

RE: "CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT AND SEE": What you don't understand, Jan-Paul, is that Burma doesn't have anything that America wants. No oil, no political influence, no help. It's never just about helping people. Don't be so naive.
AVI GUNTHER, VIA E-MAIL

Tax paying: It's in the bible

To those tax-protesters who are also Bible-thumpers: Find that well-thumbed page which says, "Render unto the Caesar the things that are Caesar's." Now read immediately before that, where the Lord is asked whether his followers should pay taxes to the detested Roman Empire. His "Render unto" is not a rhetorical ornament: "Render unto" means "Pay up, and don't ask me to exempt you!"
DIANA NAKEEB, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Because you won't dilly-dally over your opportunities, you could find yourself involved in several enterprises at the same time. You'll make them all live up to your expectations.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** The right opening might present itself to put the finishing touches on a matter that has given you and everybody else fits. Be prepared to exploit it.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** There is likely to be a good reason for having someone continually in your thoughts at this time. Why not get in touch with this person?
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** The biggest stimulus you could get is the visualization of the material rewards you could derive from acting on one of several options. Define your purpose and go after it.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Experience is generally one of our best teachers, and that's especially true at this time. You'll profit from a past mistake and eke out a victory where you once met bitter defeat.
♓ Pisces Feb. **20-March 20.** The two trump cards you're holding — your excellent imagination and your great resourcefulness — will give you an edge over the competition.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** In order to get the most out of the day, you need to spend some quality time with associates who want the same things you want. By doing so, you can assemble a better brain trust.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** There could be some unique career opportunities offered to you at this time. Even if others don't see what you see, follow your instincts.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** You'll easily discern the difference between what is a well-calculated risk and what is merely a wild gamble. Follow your own nose and ignore those who can't see what you see.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you spot an unexpected shift in circumstances forming, you should consider what the ramifications might mean and act accordingly. It could put you one step ahead of the pack.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** One of your talents is the ability to improve upon good ideas offered by others. Don't hesitate to use it whenever, with whatever is being put in the pipeline.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Be on continuous alert to expand upon whatever opportunities come your way, especially if they are financial in nature. You can make it big if you act promptly. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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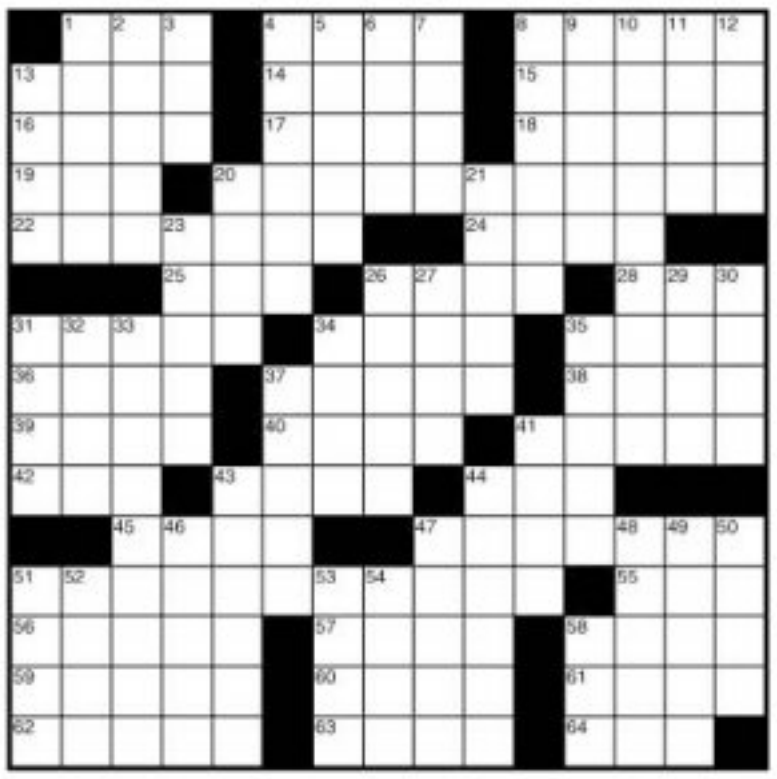

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Shelf life

What we're drinking: TY KU Sake Silver, in preparation for International Sake Day on Saturday.

What it is: The newest bottle from TY KU is a Junmai sake brewed in Nara, Japan from fermented polished rice.

What it tastes like: Burning, if you're not a regular sake drinker. But if you're familiar with the spirit's silky, wine-like acidity, this particular bottle skews sweet, with hints of fresh and zippy pears.

How to drink it: Not hot, as you might be used to seeing it stateside — good sake should be served chilled. Warming lower-quality sake is the equivalent of adding a gallon of Juicy Juice and cocktail umbrellas.

How to mix it: You've probably met the Sake Bomb (a shot of sake dropped in a beer). But it also makes a nice sub for vodka or tequila in a number of fruity cocktails. On our weekend brunch menu: The Sake Sunrise (two parts sake, one part orange juice, a nice big splash of champagne).

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Notable facts

Sake has a reputation for being "hangover free" because the rice is first stripped of its outer layers, which is where the impurities lurk. From what we can tell, this is a bold lie perpetuated by very lonely, very hungover sake drinkers. We're all friends here: This stuff can and will put you under your desk.

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music

Weekend playlist: Dave P. of

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▶ Visit www.igetrvng.com for more info on how to join Dave P.'s well-loved sneakers at this weekend's Making Time parties.

The Making Time crew have a busy weekend ahead of them: In addition to their Friday night party at Voyeur, they're also rolling out "Forever (Under) 21," a brand-new all-ages night at the Barbary on Sunday. Factory Floor headline both with a live performance and, of course, the Making Time resident DJs will have you moving all night.

We asked Dave P. for five songs he's psyched to play for you this weekend. He supplied us with six because, as he points out, Friday night is going strong until 4 a.m.

You hear that, Thursday? Move along already.

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On his playlist

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▶ Dan Snaith of Daphni

1 The Rapture: "Sail Away" The Rapture just recently released their best record yet, "In the Grace of Your Love." I'm so stoked for them and I'm so stoked to have them playing Making Time for the fourth time on Friday, Oct. 21. "Sail Away" is my favorite track on the record, and is surely the Making Time anthem of the fall of 2011!

2 Teeth: "Flowers" Teeth are one of my favorite new bands of the year. We at Making Time like them so much that we flew them over from London to play our Making Time July 4 Weekend RAD-B-Q at Bamboo Bar. This is my favorite track off their recently released full-length, "Whatever."

3 Daphni: "Yes, I Know" Daphni is a side project of Dan Snaith of Caribou. He put this track on a recent DJ mix he did for Resident Advisor earlier this year and I was so curious what it was. Well, he just sent it

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to me this week and I'm so stoked to play it out for the first time at Making Time!

4 **Nirvana: TBA** Well, I'm not going to say what Nirvana track I'm going to play because I don't wanna give away the surprise, but last weekend was the 20th anniversary of "Nevermind" so ... I have to play some Nirvana, no? Anyway, Nirvana will be played this weekend to celebrate one of the best records of all time!

5 **Carte Blanche (DJ Mehdi & Riton): "5 THE MOLECULE"** I'm dedicating this party and my set at this Making Time to DJ Mehdi, who passed away on Sept. 13. Mehdi was a true friend and one of the most incredible, positive, generous and loving people I've ever met in my life — along with one of the best DJs in the world. He was truly one of those people that you felt lucky to have in your life. He will be remembered at this Making Time and forever.

6 **Gingy & Bordello: "Body Acid (Kink Acid mix)"** About a year ago Jas Shaw from Simian Mobile Disco gave me a track from these relatively unknown producers. It was literally the biggest and best track I heard that year. Well, "Body Acid" is finally being released next month and Gingy & Bordello just sent me all the remixes. I thought the track couldn't get any better but then Kink did this remix, which is gonna make 3:59 a.m. at Making Time very, very wild!

A gal walks into a bar

Each week we ask a different celebrity what they look for in a nightlife experience. This week, tUnE-yArDs singer Merrill Garbus talks about what she likes in her nightlife experience, or, rather, in her workplace.

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What's your drink of choice?
"Kombucha. Ginger."

What kind of atmosphere do you look for in the ideal place to eat/drink?
"I like home. So places that feel like home, I suppose."

What's your favorite bar in the world?
"Oh, jeez. Bars are hard because they're my workplace so it's like saying, 'what's your favorite desk in the world?' or something, which I suppose is a fair question. There's one in Philadelphia that has a really '20s kind of vibe that I went to at a friend's wedding. The waiter was wearing suspenders. I'm not that into spending money on alcohol."

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Food & drink

Oktoberfest at Garces Trading Co.
Monday, 6:30 p.m.
1111 Locust St., $75
www.garcestrading company.com
This event pairs up a super-cozy, six-course German-inspired menu with six craft brews to kick the season off with plenty of autumn flavors. Sober vegetarians need not apply.

Avalon's playoffs menu
Tuesdays through Thursdays,
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
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Love Park
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Calypso owners Claudette Campbell and Iman Marcano-Sowell are taking their Trinidadian food on the road with their new, adorably-named food truck, The Mini Trini. You can catch up with them and their sweet potato fritters Mondays and Thursdays in Love Park. Follow @TheMiniTrini on Twitter for updates!

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Food & drink

▶ Brown Betty's tea-flavored treats are making a guest appearance at Terrain this weekend.

Brown Betty pops up at Terrain

How's this for tempting snacking? Philly cupcake queen Brown Betty is setting up a pop-up shop at Terrain's cafe on Saturday. In addition to signature flavors (that'd be red velvet and sweet potato for all you skinny girls out of the loop), they'll also have some special 'cakes on hand for a proper garden party: green tea, chai and earl grey tea — topped off with buttercream, of course.

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BEST PHILS TEAM IN CLUB HISTORY

Phillies earn win No. 102 to break franchise's all-time mark ◗ Manuel edges Mauch with 646 victories in red pinstripes ◗ Team to host Cardinals this weekend at Citizens Bank Park

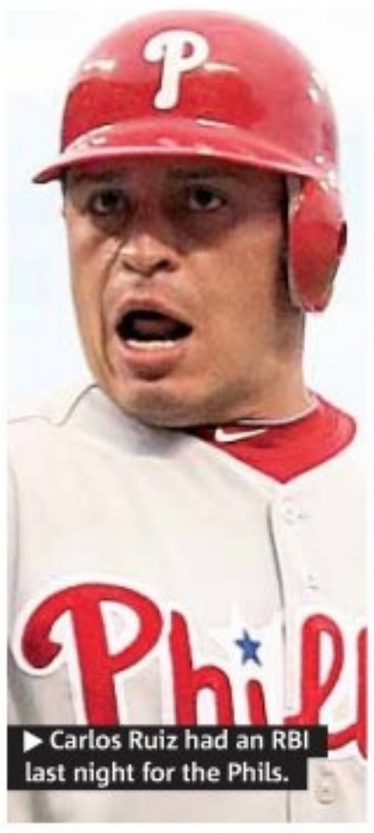
The Phillies didn't want to be left out on the wildest night in recent baseball history. So, while other teams battled for the final playoff spots, the Phils made a little history.

By beating the Braves 4-3 last night in a marathon, 13-inning game in Atlanta, the Phillies chalked up win No. 102. No other team in franchise history has won more than the 2011 edition.

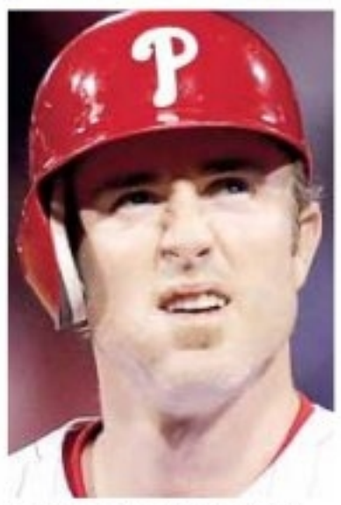
"Second place is never good," skipper Charlie Manuel said after Tuesday night's game. "That's like being second. I want sole possession."

Not only did his Phillies claim the top spot record-wise, but Manuel himself surpassed Gene Mauch for the franchise record for wins by a Phillies manager.

The winning run came courtesy of Hunter Pence, who singled home Brian Schneider with two outs in the 13th. The run also knocked the Braves out of the playoff picture, following an 8-0 win by the St. Louis Cardinals. METRO


▶ Carlos Ruiz had an RBI last night for the Phils.

History lesson


Taking a look at the best Phillies' teams in the club's 129-year history:

- **2011 Phillies**
  Went 102-60, won NL East and are the earliest Phils team to ever clinch a playoff berth, in Game No. 146.
- **1977 Phillies**
  Went 101-61, but lost NLCS to the Dodgers. Team scored 847 runs (or 138 more than the '11 edition)
- **1976 Phillies**
  Went 101-61, but lost NLCS to the Reds. Powered by Mike Schmidt (38 homers) and Steve Carlton (20-7)
- **2010 Phillies**
  Went 97-65, but lost NLCS to underdog Giants. Roy Halladay (21-10, 2.44 ERA) won NL Cy Young.

It's all in the Cards for Phils

The regular season is over. And the playoff picture is finally set.

The Phillies will start their World Series quest Saturday at Citizens Bank Park against the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Cardinals punched their ticket last night by beating the Houston Astros, 8-0, then watched the Atlanta Braves lose.

The Phillies went 3-6 against St. Louis in the regular season, but the Cards took three out of four from the Phils in South Philadelphia just a few weeks ago. St. Louis outscored the Phils 13-5 in those games. METRO

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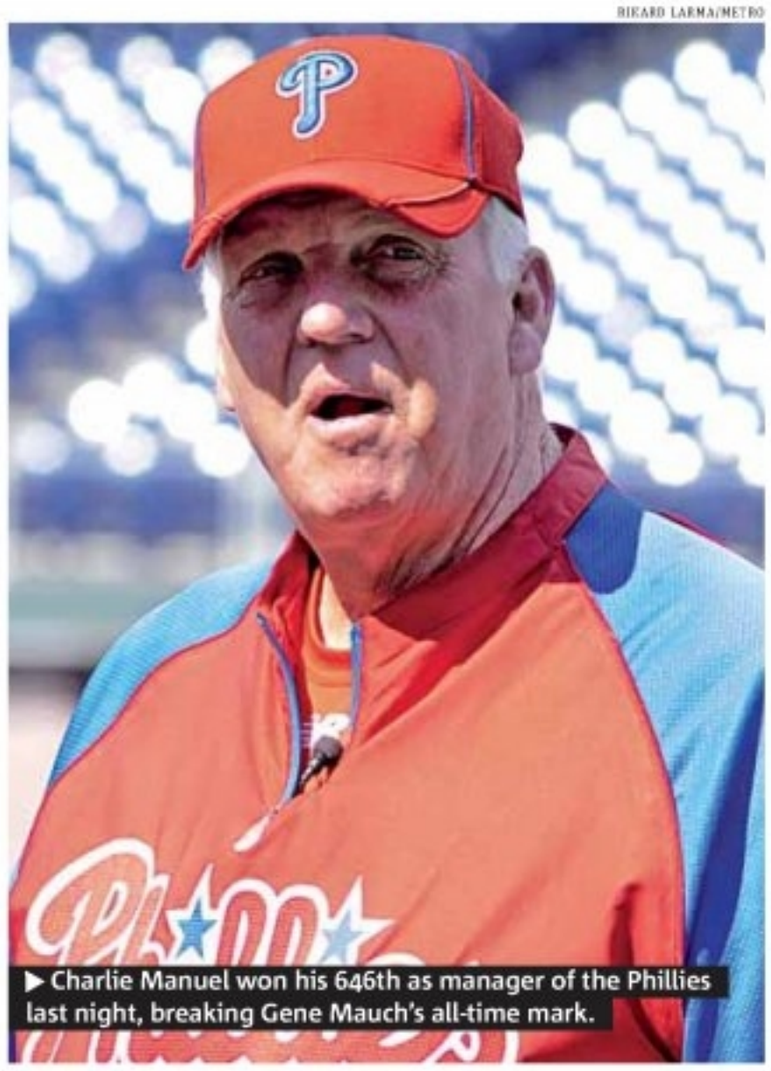
▶ Charlie Manuel won his 646th as manager of the Phillies last night, breaking Gene Mauch's all-time mark.

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Eagles QB practices, expects to start Sunday vs. San Fran

It's going to take a lot more than a bruised hand to keep Mike Vick off the football field.

The Eagles quarterback participated in yesterday's morning walkthrough and was a full participant in the afternoon practice.

"I think there's a 100 percent chance that I'll be out there this weekend," Vick said.

In the 10 minutes that were open to the media, Vick wore a glove on his injured right hand and threw to receivers. He didn't seem to have a problem gripping the football, but he didn't take any snaps while the media was present. Afterward, Vick said he took "all the snaps."

Coach Andy Reid said Vick took a few snaps in the morning session. The shotgun ones were easier for him to handle.

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"I'm not going to tell you it's not tender and how hard he can squeeze the ball and all that, it's tender, but he's working through it," Reid said.

Starting center Jason Kelce added that Vick didn't fumble any of the snaps. Barring any unexpected setbacks, pencil Vick in to start Sunday against San Francisco.

"I'm not coming out of the game this week regardless," Vick said. "They're going to have to cart me off the field."

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▶ Vick practiced with the Eagles yesterday.

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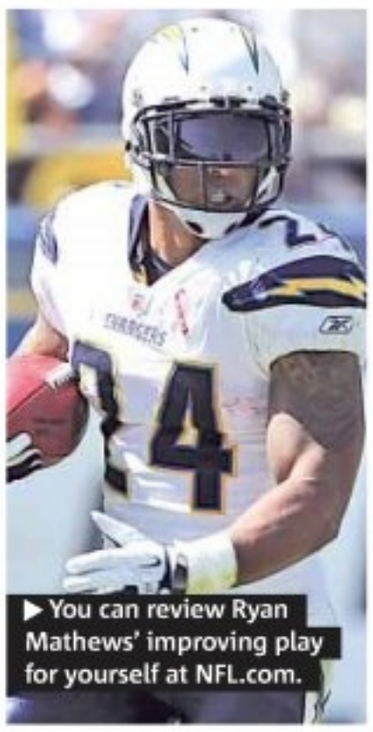

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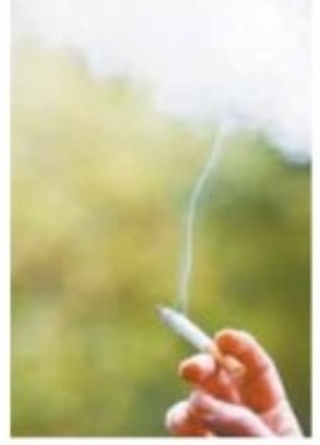

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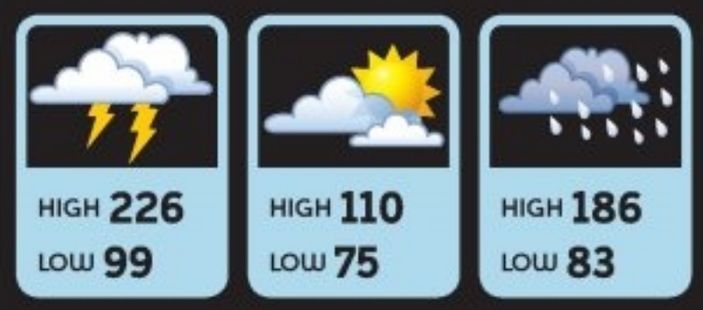

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Notice is hereby given that on September 13, 2011, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C., seeking consent to the assignment of broadcast station license of WTSD-CA from Priority Communications Ministries, Inc. (whose address is 2207 Concord Pike, # 1710, Wilmington, Delaware 19803) to Loop Media, LLC (whose address is 5670 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90036).

The officers, directors and shareholders of at least 10% equity of Priority Communications Ministries, Inc. are Rev. Steve Hare, Jennifer Hare and Kingsley King. The officers, directors and shareholders of at least 10 % equity of Loop Media, LLC are Lawrence Rogow and Paul Koplin.

WTSD-CA operates on an assigned analog Channel 14, and is currently operating pursuant to a reduced power Special Temporary Authority at a temporary site with an effective radiated power of 71 kilowatts.

A copy of the Application for Assignment of WTSD-CA is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the WTSD-CA studios at 179 Stanton-Christiana Road, Newark, Delaware 19702.

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To: All Simon Gratz ALUMNI, Family and Friends..."EVERYONE'S INVITED" to come and join us "The S.G.H.S. Class of 1991 as we celebrate our 20th Year Reunion. Friday October 7, 2011 at Romano's Catering from 8pm-12am/ Tickets are $80.00 per person Contact Charles Carter(267)241-8433 for tickets or more info

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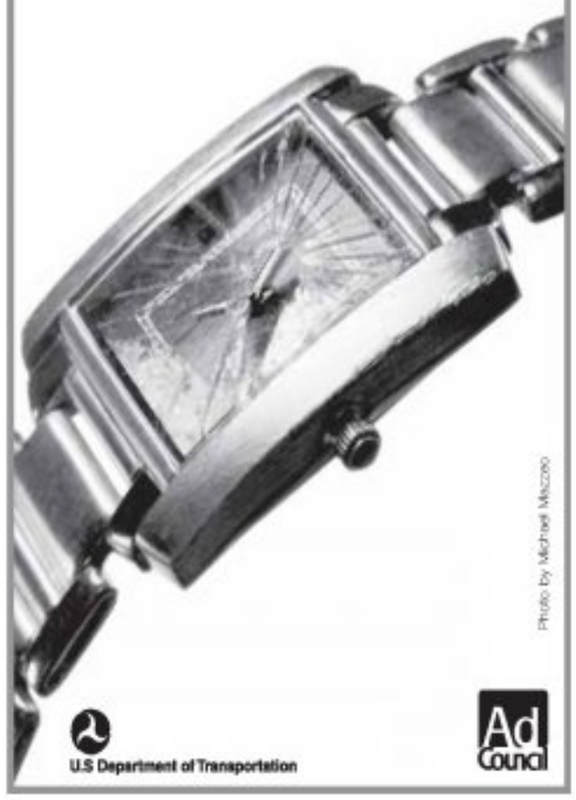

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- Have taken metformin alone for at least the past 4 weeks

Qualified participants receive:

- All study-related care and investigational study medication at no cost
- Compensation up to $100 per study visit

For more information, call toll free **1-877-406-1165**

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- Have had symptoms of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder for at least the past 4 days

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Qualified participants must:

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